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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

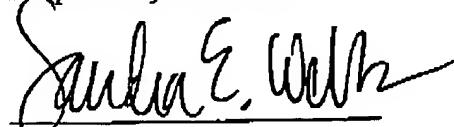
In response to the January 18, 2006 Restriction Requirement, the Examiner is requiring a restriction election between the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-32, drawn to a method of amplification, classified in class 435, subclass 91.2+.
- II. Claims 33-37 drawn to a kit comprising amplification reagents, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

Applicants hereby elect the claims in Group I (claims 1-32) without traverse for further prosecution in the above application. Applicants reserve the right to re-present non-elected claims in a divisional or other related application.

No fee is believed to be due with the submission of this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

Respectfully submitted,



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